GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:251
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POPULATION CONTROL
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated and implemented any new strategy to control population;

(b) if so, the details and the impact thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to broadcast through electronic media the message of family welfare and population control during prime time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 251 FOR 6.12.2000

(a)&(b): A National Population Policy (NPP)has been adopted since February, 2000, with a view to stabilising the population by 2045, at a level consistent with the requirements of sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental protection. In pursuance of this long term objective, certain national socio-demographic goals, have been listed to be achieved by 2010. Twelve strategic themes as given below, have been identified to be simultaneously pursued:

1) Decentralized planning and program implementation.
2) Convergence of service delivery at village levels.
3) Empowering women for improved health and nutrition.
4) Child Survival and Child Health.
5) Meeting the unmet needs/for family welfare services.
6) Under-served population groups:

Urban slums;
Tribal communities, hill area population and displaced and migrant populations; Adolescents; Increased participation of men in planned parenthood.

7) Diverse health care providers.
8) Collaboration with and commitments from non-government organizations and the private sector.
9) Mainstream Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.
10) Contraceptive technology and research on reproductive and child health.
11) Providing for the Older Population.
12) Information, Education and Communication.

Based on these strategies, an Action Plan for 2000-2001 has been finalised. Many of these interventions are already being implemented.

It is too early to assess the outcomes and impact of the interventions of

National Population Policy, 2000. However, the following table indicates achievements of National Family Welfare Program, under implementation since 1952 in terms of basic indicators.

S. No.	Indicators	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	Current Levels(1999)
1	BIRTH RATE (per 1000 population)	39.9	41.2	36.9	33.9	29.5	26.1
2.	TOTAL FERTILITY	5.9	5.4	5.2	4.5	3.6	3.3

RATE(TFR)

3. INFANT MORTALITY 146 129 129 110 80 70
RATE (IMR)

4. COUPLE N.A. N.A. 10.4 22.8 44.1 46.2(2000)
PROTECTION RATE
(%)

5. LIFE EXPECTANCY
AT BIRTH
(in years)
- Male
- Female 32.45 41.89 46.40 55.60 60.60 62.36
31.66 40.55 44.70 56.40 61.70 63.39

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. Messages on population stabilisation and family welfare are being telecast on Doordarshan at 8.00 PM, before English news on the National Network and broadcast on All India Radio before Hindi news at 8.00 AM and 8.45 PM.